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I believe that it would be wrong for the FCC to preempt state Telephone Privacy laws. I think that it is terrible that these people are allowed to call and essentially harass people at home anyway. Most of the telemarketers I have been "privileged" to talk to start talking the moment you say hello, and don't take a breath until they are done, which makes it nearly impossible to tell them you aren't interested. What these people do not seem to understand, and I think that I will speak for the majority of people, is that if I want something from them, I will call them and ask for it.

With that said, the FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections. Since I had my name put on the list, my quality of life has been greatly improved. I use to get, on average, one to two calls each day. It got to the point that I just didn't answer the phone any more. Then, of course, I missed calls from people that I really needed or wanted to talk to. I even went so far as having Privacy Manager put on my telephone, which automatically screens out any unwanted phone calls, however I should not have to pay nearly \$5 each month to keep these ruthless people from harassing me. I understand that these people need to work too, but I was not there when they chose their profession, so I should not have to pay the consequences. Please reconsider lightening the protections we have in place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Neville